

What is claimed is:

1. A sprinkler head spacer system for attachment to the body of a water sprinkler to prevent the positioning of the sprinkler too close to a sidewalk or curb, the spacer system comprising:
  - (a) a spacer member having first and second lateral edges, and including attachment means for attaching said spacer member to said sprinkler; and
  - (b) an elongated stake member having upper and lower ends and a notch below said upper end; wherein said notch is of a size suitable for receiving and holding said spacer member.
2. A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said attachment means comprises a pair of opposing spring clips for gripping said sprinkler.
3. A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said attachment means extends laterally outward from said second lateral edge of said spacer member.
4. A system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said notch is defined by spaced-apart, parallel plates on said stake member; wherein said stakes are perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said stake.
5. A system in accordance with claim 4, wherein said spacer member includes a recessed area for receiving said stake.

6. A tool for positioning an elongated support stake a predetermined distance from a sidewalk, curb, etc., the tool comprising upper and lower portions; wherein said upper portion includes a handle and a laterally extending depth gauge; wherein said lower portion is adapted to engage the upper end of said stake; wherein said lower portion is sized such that it provides a predetermined distance between said stake and said sidewalk, curb, etc.
7. A method for installing a sprinkler a predetermined distance from a sidewalk, curb, etc. comprising the steps of:
  - (a) positioning an elongated stake in the ground a predetermined distance from said sidewalk, curb, etc., wherein said stake includes a notch intermediate its ends;
  - (b) inserting a sprinkler spacer in said notch of said stake where said spacer is held and supported between said stake and said sidewalk or curb; wherein said spacer includes opposing resilient spring clips for gripping said sprinkler; and
  - (c) attaching said sprinkler to said spacer by means of said spring clips.